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Whole Grain-Rich Product Exemption for School Year 2018-2019

USDA memo SP-32-2017 allows State agencies to grant temporary exemptions from the whole grain-rich (WGR) requirements for school year (SY) 2018-2019 to School Food Authorities (SFAs) that can demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students. If you have questions on how to fill out this form please call Deb Egeland or Rhonda Amundson at 888-338-3663.

REMINDER: In the week(s) when a WGR-exempted item is offered, the SFA must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered that week are WGR.

School/District: <i>Napoleon</i>	LA Number: <i>24-002</i>
Grain Items to Exempt:	
<i>CocoWheats hot cereal</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Hardship: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SFA records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered. • The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). 	
<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Product Availability: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily. 	
<input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable Product Quality: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time. 	
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor Student Acceptability: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time. 	

Documentation that justifies the request must be submitted along with this completed form that demonstrates the need for a whole grain-rich exemption. A written justification is acceptable if it thoroughly describes the reason for the requested exemption.

There is no whole grain version of CocoWheats. Our kids love it and actually eat it! We like to serve a variety of hot cereal in the winter also.

Authorized Representative or Food Service Manager:

If granted this exemption, you agree that at least half of the grain items offered weekly at meals will be whole grain-rich.

Kristi L Moch *Kristi L Moch* *8/20/18*
 Printed Name Signature Date

Email: *Kristi.moch@napoleon.k12.nd.us* Phone: *701-754-2244*

Return the completed form and supporting documentation by email to: degeland@nd.gov OR fax to 701-328-9566.
Upon NDDPI-Child Nutrition approval, a copy of the waiver will be emailed to the person who signed this form.

For NDDPI Use Only

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Reviewed By: <i>Deb Egeland</i>	Date: <i>8-21-2018</i>
Comments:	